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Re: Continuation Application of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/952,284,

newly entitled: "ESRP Enhancements" (Our Ref. ONF100/4-CONUS)

Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 27-page patent specification, including 18 claims and an abstract. Also included are 6 sheets of informal drawings. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Paul Niezgoda and Fraser Street which is a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/952,284 filed September 12, 2001. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the United States Postal Service for Express Mail.

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Respectfully submitted,

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